

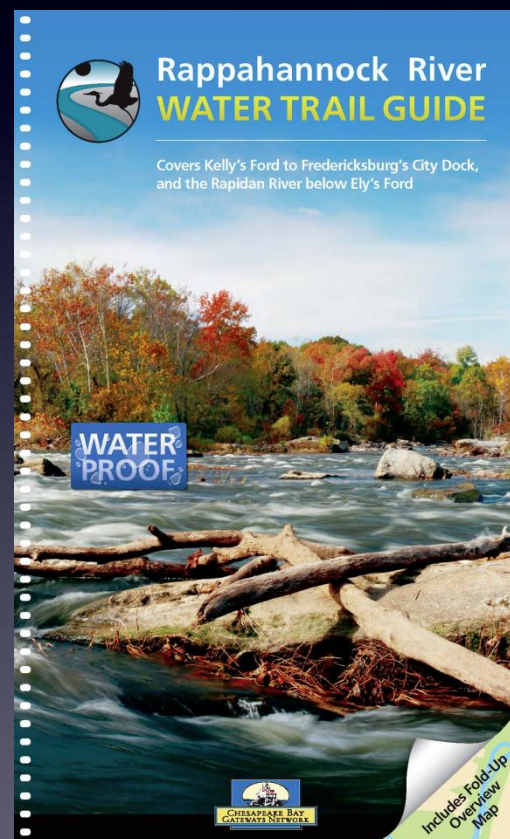
Wisconsin Lake Michigan Water Trail



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Lake Michigan Water Trail To Be Dedicated As National Recreation Trail

Submitted by [Kurt Repanshek](#) on May 26, 2011 - 1:24am



On June 4 the Lake Michigan Water Trail will be added to the roster of

Mention "National Recreation Trail" and no one would be surprised if you immediately thought about taking a hike. But soon that tag will be attached to a watery route in Lake Michigan.



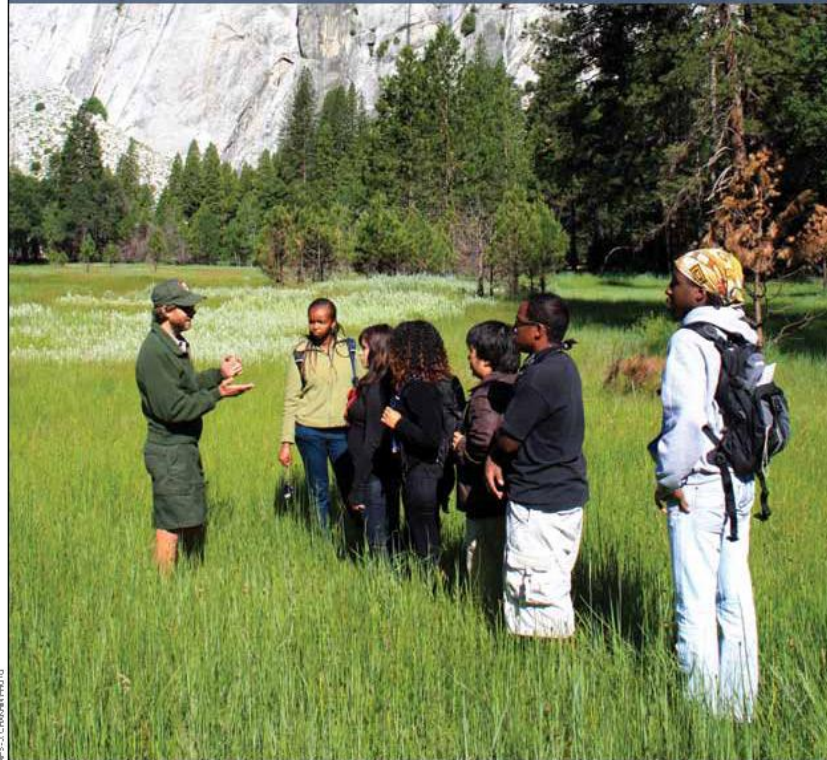
On June 4, National Trails Day, the Lake Michigan Water Trail will be officially designated as a National Recreation Trail. Marking that event will be the [Northwest Indiana Paddling Association](#), the [Lake Michigan Water Trail Association](#), and their partners and supporters with the dedication of the first 75 miles of shoreline as part of the NRT.

The event will feature a sea kayak lake paddle beginning at 11:30 a.m. (CST) at Marquette Park in Gary, Indiana, paddling 4 miles to Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk. A second paddling option, intended for recreational kayakers as well as canoeists, will begin on the Little Calumet River at the Miller Charter of the Izaak Walton League. Both trips will simultaneously travel to the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a dedication ceremony highlighting



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Wisconsin Kayaking Growth

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Lake Superior Water Trail — Wisconsin

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- Trail Map
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Lake Superior Water Trail – Wisconsin Segment

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- South Shore
- First Nations
- More Information

The Wisconsin segment of the Lake Superior Water Trail covers more than 400 miles of diverse shoreline from the Montreal River at the Michigan border to the city of Superior. The trail is an ongoing effort to connect the 3,000 miles of shoreline that border Lake Superior along Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ontario, Canada. The trail will link communities and inspire travelers to safely explore new regions of Lake Superior. The trail was formed on the philosophy that low-impact recreational use and stewardship of the land and water protects local, natural and cultural resources.



Sandstone outcrops and sea caves highlight the Apostle Islands.
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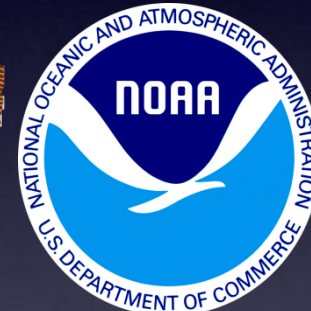
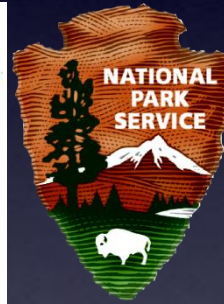
The South Shore of Lake Superior

Known for its clear, cold water and mix of dramatic cliffs and sand beaches, Lake Superior is the largest, least populated and cleanest of the Great Lakes. The south shore is the sandy side of the lake blessed with miles of beaches, sandstone formations and red clay cliffs, including dramatic sea caves. Shrouded in boreal and hardwood forest, the south shore is also host to some of the finest and wildest estuaries in Lake Superior.

The St. Louis River estuary with a mix of wild wetlands and the busy Duluth/Superior harbor define the western terminus of this water trail section. From the city of Superior to the town of Port Wing, a traveler passes miles of clay bluffs, small streams, and the Brule River State Forest. Past the scenic village of Herbster, the shoreline begins to reveal sandstone outcrops, which culminate in dramatic cliffs and sea caves in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.



Wisconsin Lake Michigan Water Trail Planning Partners



...and the paddling community

Lake Michigan Water Trail Planning

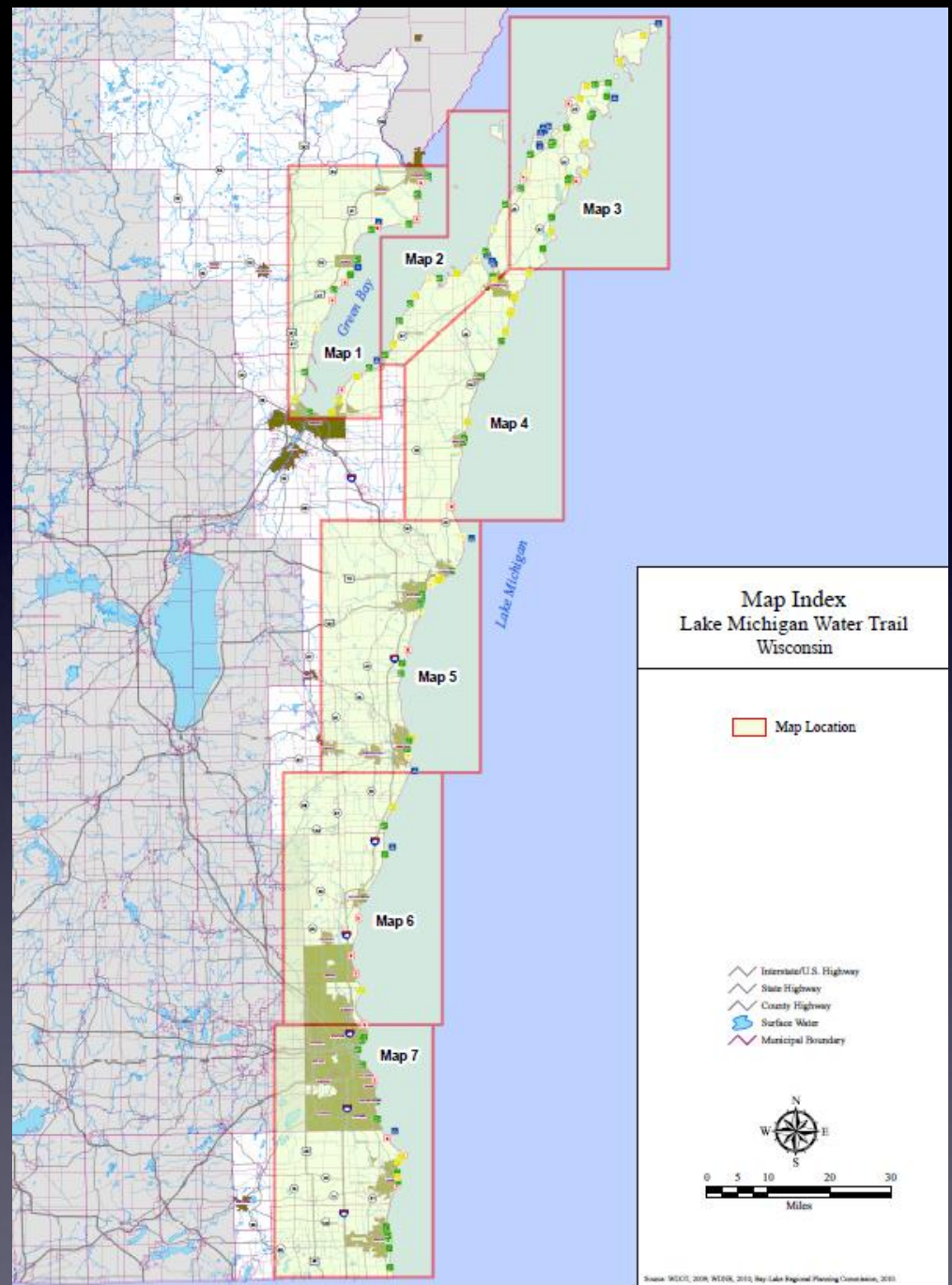
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- Identify gaps where further public access is needed to complete this trail. These zones would be targeted to increase public land holdings along the shoreline.

Phase 2 - Implementation

- Develop a branding strategy that local communities and private affiliates can embrace as a Lake Michigan Water Trail Network.
- Provide for educational opportunities that will encourage the understanding of the Lake Michigan ecosystem.

Project Area



365 Potential Access Points Inventoried

Microsoft Excel - WATER TRAIL INVENTORY (FINAL).xls														
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135	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	209	Woodland Drive	Two Rivers	44.1233	-87.6195	Alternate Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
136	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	210	Manitowoc Marina	Manitowoc	44.0955	-87.6499	Developed Access	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
137	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	211	SS Badger Car Ferry Dock	Manitowoc	44.0893	-87.6510	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
138	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	212	Along S. Lakeview Drive	Manitowoc	44.0837	-87.6534	Carry-In Access	N	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
139	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	213	Green Street	Manitowoc	44.0777	-87.6554	Developed Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
140	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	214	Red Arrow Park	Manitowoc	44.0755	-87.6556	Carry-In Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot
141	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	215	Silver Creek Park	Manitowoc	44.0612	-87.6533	Alternate Access	N	N	N	Y	N	Turnaround
142	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	216	Point Creek Conservation Area	Cleveland	43.9708	-87.6983	Emergency Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
143	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	217	Fischer Creek State Recreation Area	Cleveland	43.9391	-87.7187	Carry-In Access	Y	Y	N	N	N	Parking Lot
144	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	218	Hika Park	Cleveland	43.9156	-87.7237	Developed Access	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot
145	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	219	North Point Park	Sheboygan	43.7628	-87.6959	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
146	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	220	Deland Park	Sheboygan	43.7566	-87.7029	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Off-Street
147	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	221	General King Park	Sheboygan	43.7372	-87.7094	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Off-Street
148	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	222	Lake View Park	Sheboygan	43.7214	-87.7073	Alternate Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
149	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	501	Lakeview Park	Manitowoc	44.1002	-87.6487	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
150	5	Point Beach to Sheboygan	540	Point Beach State Park	Two Rivers	44.2121	-87.5069	Developed Access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Parking Lot
151	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	230	Dewitt Road	Cedar Grove	43.6012	-87.7641	Developed Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Dead End
152	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	232	Amsterdam Park	Cedar Grove	43.5576	-87.7915	Developed Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
153	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	261	Atwater Park	Shorewood	43.0905	-87.8728	Emergency Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Shoulder
154	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	266	Doctors Park	Fox Point	43.1717	-87.8809	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
155	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	269	Virmond Park	Mequon	43.2110	-87.8958	Emergency Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot
156	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	270	Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve	Grafton	43.3416	-87.8833	Emergency Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
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159	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	273	Forest Beach Migratory Preserve	Belgium	43.4579	-87.8087	Emergency Access	N	N	N	N	N	No Vehicle Acc
160	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	274	Harrington Beach State Park	Belgium	43.4890	-87.7927	Carry-In Access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Parking Lot
161	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	278	Concordia University	Mequon	43.2532	-87.9112	Alternate Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
162	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	505	Veteran's Memorial Park	Port Washington	43.3905	-87.8653	Carry-In Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot
163	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	542	Kohler-Andrae State Park	Wilson	43.6684	-87.7142	Developed Access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Parking Lot
164	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	564	Woodland Shores	Grafton	43.3098	-87.8883	Emergency Access	N	N	N	N	N	No Vehicle Acc
165	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	565	Sandy Beach Road	Belgium	43.4704	-87.8022	Emergency Access	N	N	N	N	N	No Vehicle Acc
166	6	Kohler-Andrae to North Metro Milwaukee	566	Jay Road	Belgium	43.5284	-87.7939	Emergency Access	N	N	N	N	N	No Vehicle Acc
167	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	234	Carol Beach	Pleasant Prairie	42.5166	-87.8109	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Off-street
168	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	236	Southport Park	Kenosha	42.5622	-87.8118	Carry-In Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot
169	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	237	Eichleman Park	Kenosha	42.5797	-87.8131	Alternate Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
170	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	238	Simmons Island Park	Kenosha	42.5909	-87.8128	Developed Access	Y	N	N	Y	N	Parking Lot
171	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	239	J.F. Kennedy Park	Kenosha	42.6047	-87.8176	Carry-In Access	Y	N	N	N	N	Parking Lot
172	7	South Metro Milwaukee to Illinois	240	Alford Park	Kenosha	42.6127	-87.8196	Carry-In Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Parking Lot

Inventory Data

- SITE NAME
- COMMUNITY
- GPS LOCATION
- VEHICLE ACCESS
- SIGNAGE
- FEES
- POWER
- SHELTER
- CAMPING
- ACCESS TYPE
- PARKING
- RESTROOMS
- NOTES



Access Types

- Developed Access
- Carry-in Access
- Alternate Access
- Emergency Access

Access Type	Definition
Developed Access	A site that provides water access via a public boat ramp or dock.
Carry-In Access	A site with a beach that provides easy kayak access to the water and there should be no user conflict from adjacent landowners.
Alternate Access	Non-ideal carry-in access site that may be only a road that ends at the water. Alternate Access sites may have a bit of a steep slope to the water, require wading, or paddling through marsh, or present minimal potential for user conflict from adjacent landowners.
Emergency Access	A site not recommended for non-emergency use because the sites are primarily road ends where the potential for user conflict is high, little to no parking is available, or an agreement has been made with the site owner to allow emergency-only egress.

Let's look at a few sites...



Developed Access

Simmons Island Park - Kenosha

- **VEHICLE ACCESS**
- **SIGNS**
- **POWER**
- **SHELTER**
- **PARKING**
- **RESTROOMS**



Carry-in Access

Volks Landing – Green Bay

- **VEHICLE ACCESS**
- **SIGNS**
- **PARKING**
- **RESTROOMS**



Alternate Access

Bonis Place – Town of Gardner

- **NON IDEAL CARRY IN ACCESS**
- **VEHICLE ACCESS**



Emergency Access

Pond Road End – Peshtigo

- **VEHICLE ACCESS**

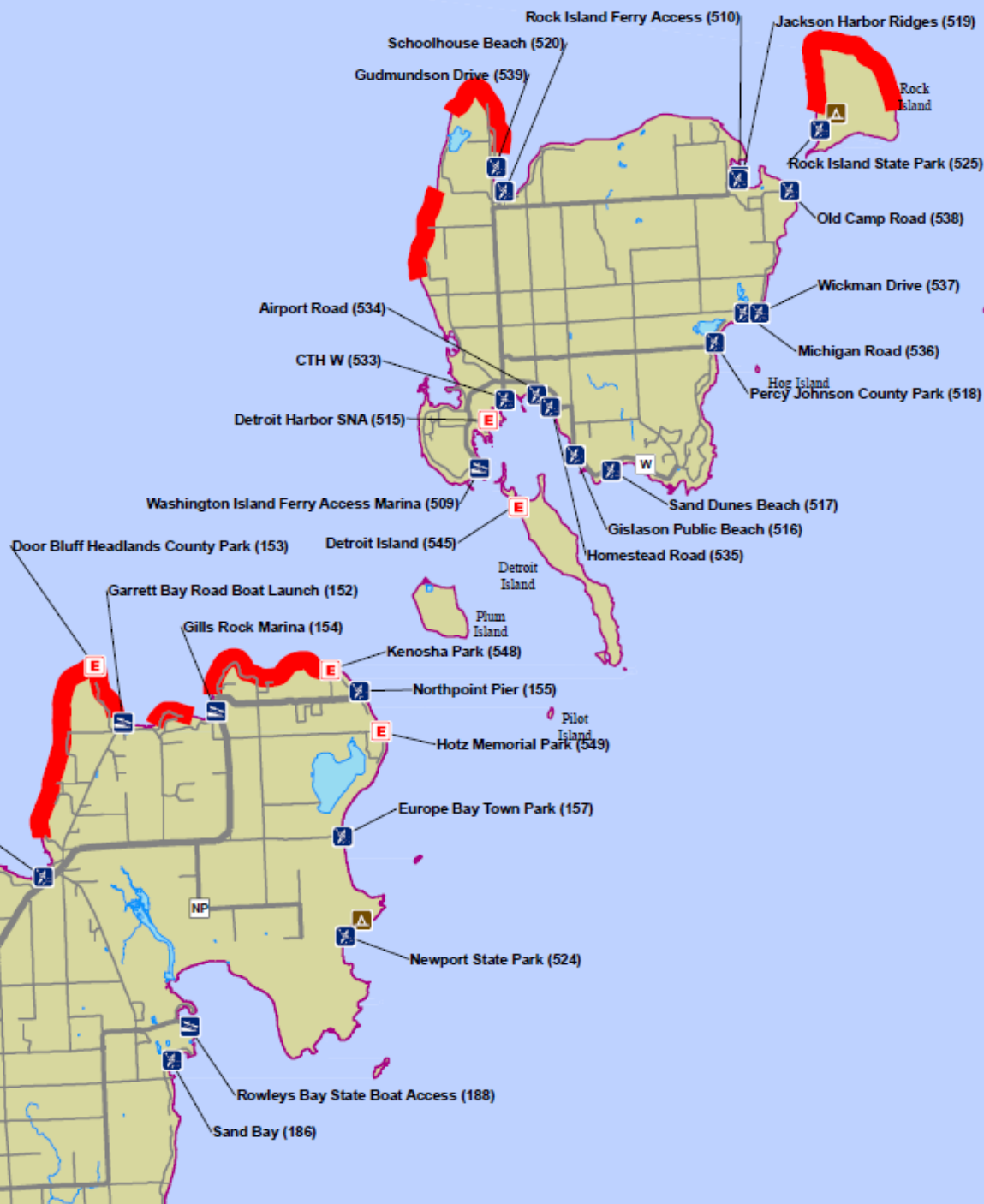


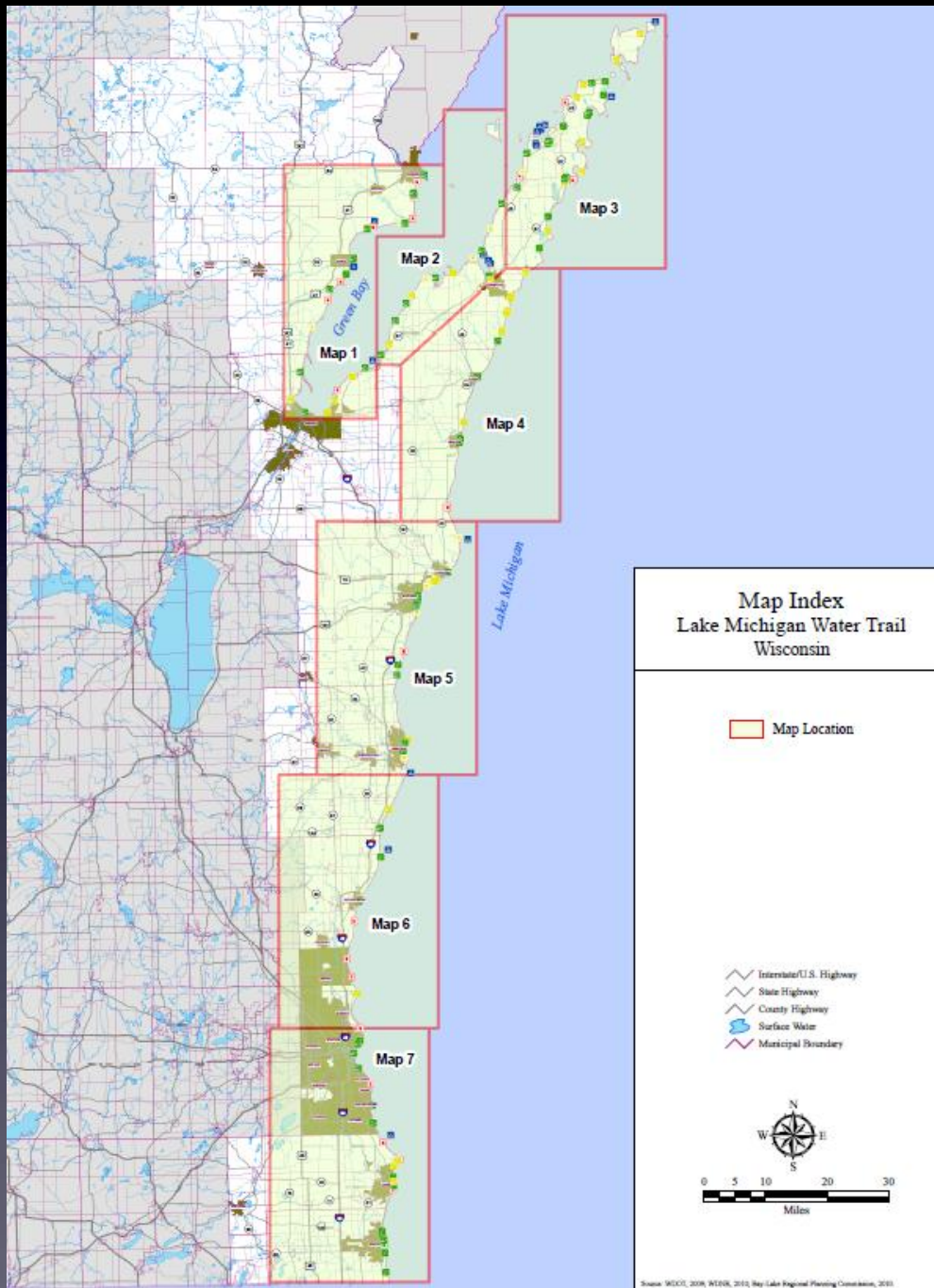
Map 3: Northern Door Peninsula Lake Michigan Water Trail Wisconsin

-  Developed Access
-  Carry-In Access
-  Alternate Access
-  Emergency Access
-  Camping
-  Bluff Areas

Note: The number in parentheses (##) after the site name corresponds to the water trail inventory table

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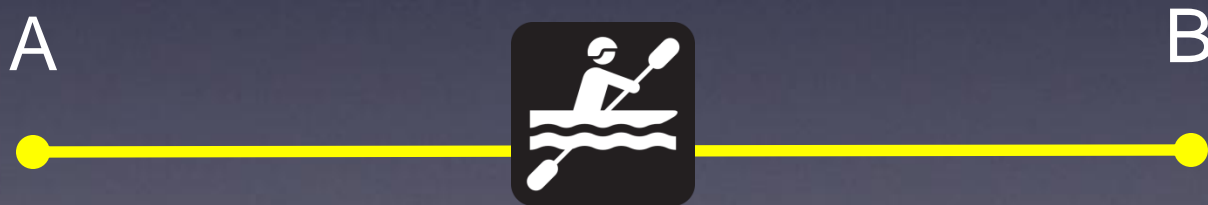




ACCESS TYPE	Total
Carry-In Access	72
Developed Access	57
Emergency Access	42
Alternate Access	20
Grand Total	191

Access Analysis

- Identify the gaps in shoreline access
- Prioritize the need for new access



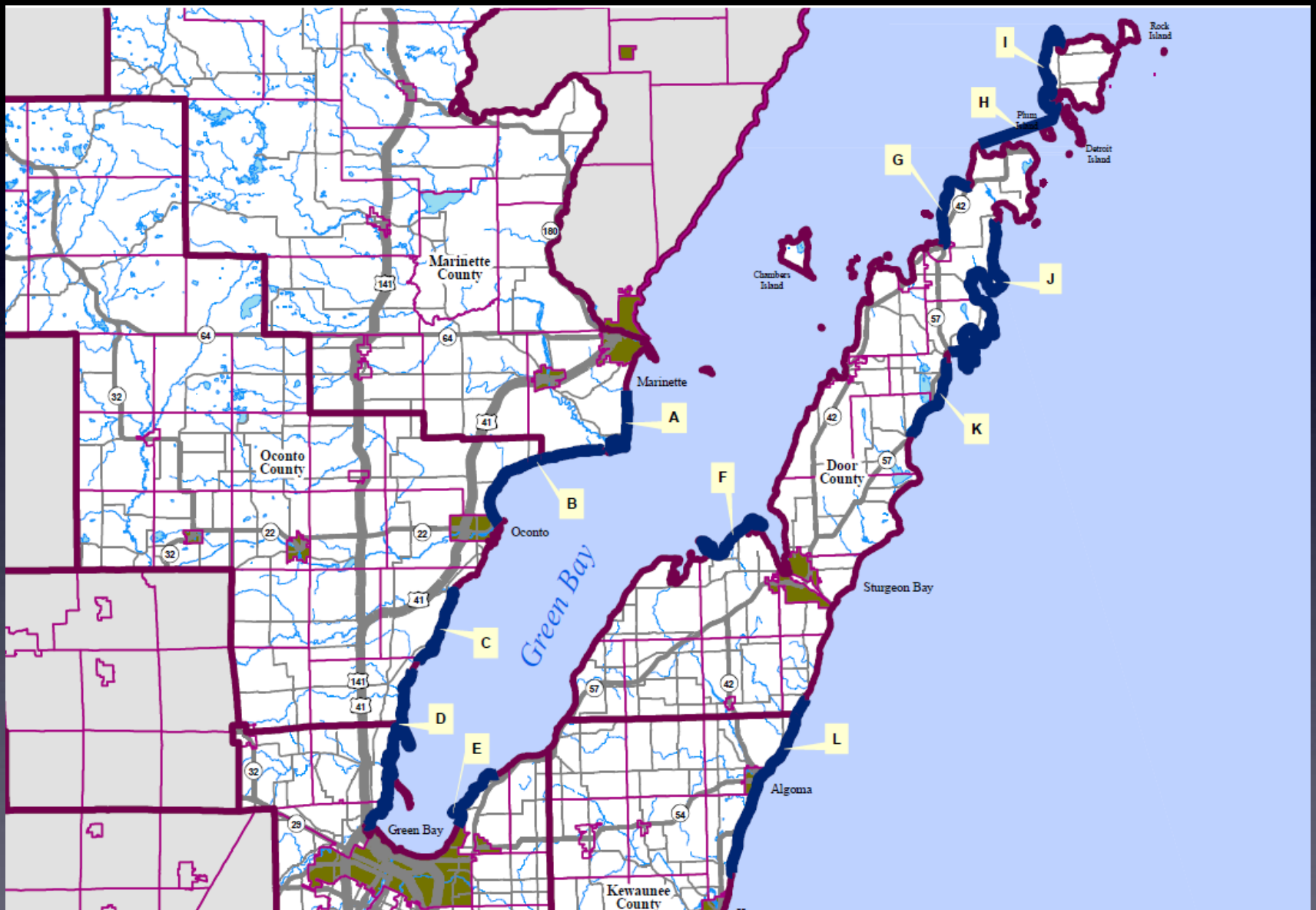
Acquisition/Improvement Zones

Greater than 5 miles between access points +
Greater than 10 miles between camping sites =
20 acquisition/improvement zones



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Acquisition/Improvement Zones



Public Outreach

- Public meetings
Milwaukee - April 28, 2011
Green Bay - May 3, 2011
- Website postings
- E-Newsletters
- Facebook
- Twitter





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Wisconsin Lake Michigan Water Trail Open Houses

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, and the National Park Service is taking public input on the Draft Wisconsin Lake Michigan Water Trail from April 18- May 13, 2011. During that time two open houses have been scheduled.

The first open house will take place April 28, 2011 from 5 to 7 pm, at the Milwaukee Public Library Bay View Branch, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee, WI. A short presentation at 5:30 pm will be given to provide background information about the Lake Michigan water trail planning.

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Lake Michigan Water Trail – Wisconsin Segment

Welcome to the planning site for the Lake Michigan Water Trail - Wisconsin Segment. We hope you find this information about this project that will cover more than 450 miles of diverse shoreline from the Michigan border



The Milwaukee skyline from Lakeshore State Park.
Photo by Todd Montgomery

Maps

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Lake Michigan Water Trail - Wisconsin Segment

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is working with the [Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources](#), the [Wisconsin Coastal Management Program](#), and the [National Park Service - Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program \(RTCA\)](#) on a project to develop a Lake Michigan Water Trail in Wisconsin that will cover more than 450 miles of diverse shoreline from the Michigan border at Marinette to the Illinois border south of Kenosha.

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- Provide for educational opportunities that will encourage the understanding of the Lake Michigan ecosystem.

Updates will be available with each major step in the planning process and new information will be posted here. Please check back periodically. Thank you for your interest in the planning process.

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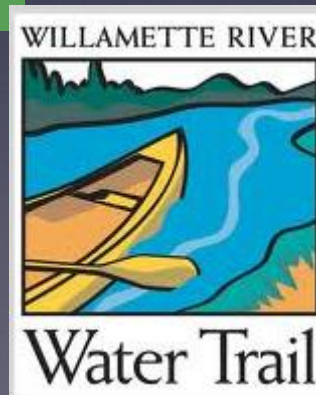
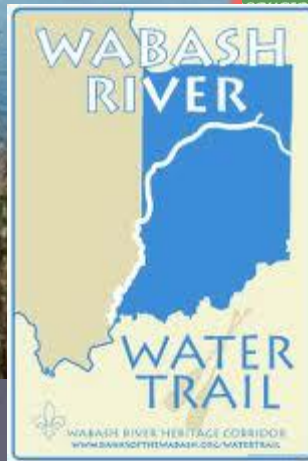
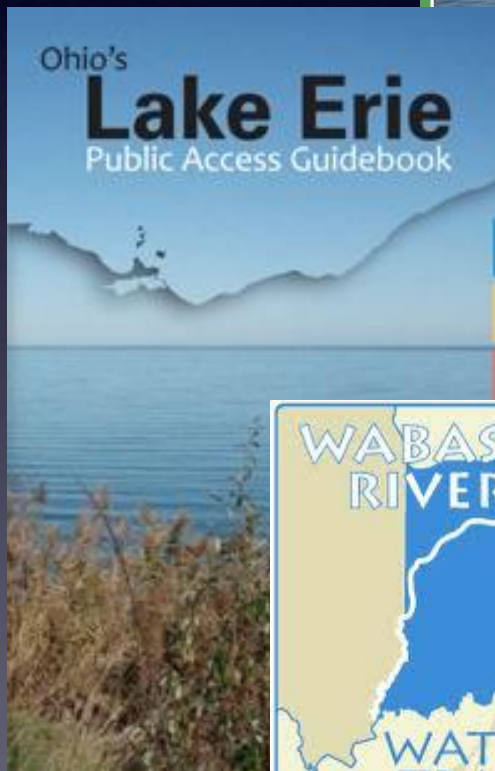
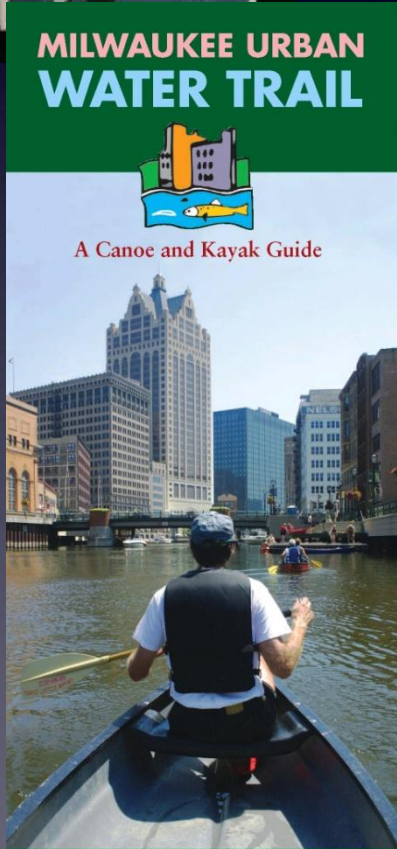
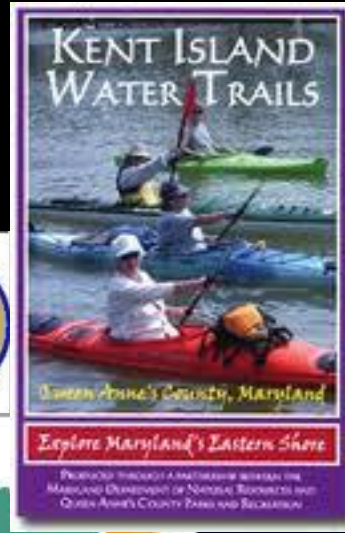
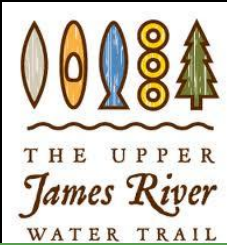
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Benefits of Water Trails

- Economic
- Recreational Value and Health
- Stewardship/Advocacy
- Conservation
- Education



Thank you!



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